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PRESIDENT STOCKTON SUBMITS REPORT

Reviews the History of the University Since the Close of the Last Academic Year.

FUNDS STILL INADEQUATE

ON January 11th President Stockton submitted his report to the Board of Trustees. The report contains a summary review of the history of the University since last July, when Admiral Stockton was made Acting President. Much of the report consists of matters that are already pretty generally known, though, of course, they are given with some details with which the student body is comparatively unfamiliar. The first part is a narrative of the financial affairs of the University since the close of the last academic year. The second part consists of extracts from the reports of the several Deans, together with recommendations based upon those reports, and also upon a personal inspection of the various departments of the University.

BUDGET IS MATERIALLY REDUCED.

The curtailment of expenses by the discharge of the mortgage on the University buildings, as well as by a reduction of the teaching staff, accompanied by a reduction of salaries, the report states, will net a saving of some fifty-three thousand dollars. To quote from the report:

The total saving estimated by the budget of this year over that of last year is, excepting the Departments mentioned [the reference is to the Departments of Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine] above \$43,159.80. This saving is mainly due to the elimination of interest charges.

The total amount saved in the salary list of this year for the Departments of Medicine and Dentistry, including the University Hospital, is \$3,583.75; for the Department of Law, \$6,343.47.

EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

On the educational side the President recommends that the number of instructors be gradually increased, especially in order to lighten the work of the professors so that they may be able to devote more time to research and publication, and the direction of research students, that more room be provided for the chemical laboratory, and that an adequate mechanical laboratory be secured or else "all pretence to give courses in Mechanical Engineering" be discontinued. The President pays a glowing tribute to the Law School, declaring it to be "on the whole, the largest

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TYPHOID CLAIMS ALSTON

Former Captain of Varsity Eleven Dies of Dread Disease at Home in Louisiana.

THE year 1910 had a sad ending for those of the students and friends of the University who are interested in athletics, especially football. The last day but one of the old year ushered out the life of one of George Washington's best athletes and men, Larkin Roy Alston, captain of the football team in 1909, star player and athlete. On December 30, 1910, about noon, he passed away at his home in Lake Charles, Louisiana, after a three weeks' illness of typhoid fever.

Mr. Alston's last illness, while quite generally known among his friends, was not deemed serious. In fact, when he left Washington early in December, he seemed to be in the best of health, although he had been deeply affected by the recent death of his brother, which occurred in November. The news of Mr. Alston's death came as a distinct shock to his numerous and devoted friends.

Larkin Roy Alston was twenty-five years old when he died. He was the son of L. L. Alston, a contractor of Lake Charles, Louisiana. He came to Washington in June, 1907, having been transferred from the postal service in Louisiana to the Dead Letter Office. He had gone to his home on a visit on leave of absence, December 1, when he was taken by his last illness.

PROMINENT IN ATHLETICS.

He entered the George Washington University in 1908, and immediately became prominent in school athletics. He made the Varsity football eleven that same fall, and was regarded as one of the strongest linemen in the South. The following year, in 1909, he was elected captain of the Varsity football team, and under his leadership the team made an enviable showing. This year his services as coach were sought by Maryland Agricultural College, and he gave the College Park school the strongest eleven it has had in years. It had been recently decided by the trustees of the college to offer Mr. Alston a permanent position as athletic director on his return to Washington from his visit home.

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POSITION ON STAFF OPEN

An Assistant Editor of the News To be Appointed By General Competition.

SOME time ago it was announced in an issue of THE NEWS that a general competition for the position of assistant editor would be inaugurated. Since then relatively few applications have been received. It is felt that perhaps sufficient publicity was not given the notice at the time, and accordingly it has been decided to bring the fact that the competition is being held to the attention of the student body again, in the hope that a larger number may enter the race. In order that the competition may be conducted in a systematic fashion, and all applicants may be accurately informed as to the character of the work that will be required, a meeting of all persons interested will be held on Friday, February 10th, immediately after the 4.50 class in the Office of THE NEWS, on the fifth floor of 1534 I street. The meeting will last only a few minutes.

ANY STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE.

Any student in the University is eligible to enter this competition. The competition is absolutely open to all, "irrespective of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." Members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes are especially urged to enter. The experience itself is well worth while. The position of assistant editor is one of some dignity and carries with it some reward. The successful competitor will put himself or herself in line for the position of editor for the next academic year. This position is filled by the Board of Managers of THE NEWS, which almost invariably follows the recommendations of the editor of the previous year. The person who will be recommended by this year's editor will be the one who secures the position of assistant editor. Even should you not be so fortunate as to win the assistant editorship, you will get experience that will stand you in good stead in the competitions that will be held in the coming years, and if you persevere you will undoubtedly ultimately be the editor of the college publication.

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FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR MEET

Everything Now in Readiness for Premier Athletic Event of the Year.

AT CONVENTION HALL

THE manager of the track team is sparing no effort to make the coming Indoor Meet the most important event of its kind in Washington this winter, and one that will surpass by far any previous meet given under the auspices of our Athletic Association. The student body may rest assured that the meet will be worthy of the University, and well worth the price of admission. Accordingly it is expected that every student will at once purchase a ticket, in this manner assisting to make the meet a financial success. Tickets are on sale at the store of G. H. White & Company, on Fourteenth street near H. Every student who is in good health and sound of limb is counted upon to be present, and will be expected to come accompanied by some guest. The prices of tickets range from one to two dollars for reserved seats. Get your ticket as soon as possible in order to secure a desirable seat.

The date of this, the biggest meet which Washingtonians will have an opportunity to witness is February the fourth. The place is Convention Hall. If you are loyal, you will be there to show your University spirit. If you are not loyal, you will be there just the same in order to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

ATHLETIC FEATURES OF THE MEET.

A word as to what the manager has done to make the meet an athletic success. Inasmuch as there will be no Federal Games this winter, as there have been for the past few years, a large number of prospective entrants have sent in applications to the manager. As a result his chief difficulty has been not to secure entrants, but to select from a large number of applicants the best ones for each event. Consequently the events will be more exciting this year than ever before, for the simple reason that the character—athletic, of course—of the entrants, is better than in any previous year. Not only have a large number of clubs and unattached athletes handed in their names for places on the program, but all of the nearby colleges have sent in requests that their relay teams be matched. Realizing that this will probably be their only chance to come to Washington this year, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins,

THE ANNUAL INDOOR MEET.

On Saturday February the fourth, the annual indoor games will be held in Convention Hall. The success or failure of this event will have a direct effect upon the permanency of athletics in the University. Don't fail to buy a ticket and attend.

Virginia, Swarthmore, Columbia, and other colleges have been seeking races in this meet.

"JACK" STERRETT AN ENTRANT.

One of the many individual entrants is "Jack" Sterrett, who has held the champion pole vaulting record of the South for many years. Sterrett is an alumnus of George Washington. While a student here he proved himself to be the most consistent point winner that the University has ever had. His entry alone should bring out all the old Alumni. This will probably be the last time that Sterrett will don the track uniform, since he has decided to give up athletics entirely in order to attend to his more serious business affairs.

This, of all years, then, is the banner year for track athletics at George Washington.

NEW FEATURES TO BE INTRODUCED.

In addition to having secured a better field of runners than has ever been possible before, the manager has introduced some new features. In the first place everyone who purchases a reserved seat will be certain to see the meet—the manager guarantees this. There will be absolutely no honorary officials on the floor. This regulation will probably meet with some disapproval among the many coaches and managers who are bringing teams, and who are consequently anxious to be "in the ring," but for the sake of the public their feelings must be sacrificed. Another innovation will be a unique method of announcing the events. In the past it has been impossible for those at one end of the hall, or even fifty feet away from the announcer to hear what event was being run or who were the winners in the previous event. This year all announcements will be thrown on a curtain by means of an electric lantern. This scheme has been tested in the physics laboratory and has been found practicable and satisfactory.

THE MEET IS AN ASSURED FACT.

The recent report current in the daily papers to the effect that the University authorities have decided to abandon athletics entirely, if it be true at all, certainly does not hold good as far as this year's meet is concerned. There will be a meet this year, a big one, in fact, to put it modestly, the biggest one ever. But unless the student body comes to the support of the management, this will probably be the last meet, and perhaps the death knell of athletics generally. If perchance athletics are abolished the students will have only themselves to blame for it.

ENGINEERING SCHOOL NOTES.

"THE COCHRAN HOTEL," Fourteenth and K streets, have recently installed a new plant for the generation of electricity for light and power purposes. The outfit includes a 60 horsepower Ames automatic engine, direct connected to a 35 K. W. Sprague Electric Co.'s double current generator, supplying current at 220 volts to the two outside feed mains of the three wire system. This is one of the smallest plants using

the three wire system which the writer has seen in this vicinity, and the variable load which will soon include an electric elevator in place of the present hydraulic one, must be a very large per cent. of the total capacity of the generator. Students in E. E. who find trouble in grasping the principles of the three-wire system will see an excellent example of its application in this plant.

The Engineering Society has some real live wires as the headliners for the next few meetings. The schedule at present includes the following lectures:

Dr. Gore, on Wireless Telegraphy.

Mr. Frank Dursten, of the Bureau of Standards, on Liquid Air.

Mr. Oscar G. Lange, on Scientific Measurements and Instrument Making.

The Engineering Society pins will probably be on hand by the next meeting. The design is very good. Each member should be proud to wear one.

President Carty was unable to attend the last meeting of the society. The Secretary, Mr. Prentis, presided in his place.

Whoever says the smoker wasn't a success should look at the flashlight picture of that event, which is on exhibition in the library. Copies may be obtained for fifty cents each.

PHARMACY NOTES.

SENIOR NOTES.

MR. J. C. HARDY took the examination for registered pharmacist last week; here's wishing him success.

Look's as though several of us take our evening naps during the chemistry lecture. Wake up, boys, and do your sleeping some other time.

Professor (telling Mr. G the result of his examination)—Mr. G, you're on the fence.

Mr. G—Hope I get off on the right side.

That fellow Beeson is quite a schemer; he counts the rows of kernels on an ear of corn. Bet he got the ear with the most rows on it. Get George to tell you that story.

FRESHMAN NOTES.

The mid-year exams, have taken some of the smile off the faces of a few members of the class, but as a whole the class still looks the same.

The class welcomed Professor Waggaman back to its midst Monday morning. We congratulate him upon his speedy recovery.

The hardest term of the year is yet to come. Cheer up, don't let your work get behind at the start.

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POSITION ON STAFF OPEN

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CHARACTER OF WORK REQUIRED.

Now as to the character of the work that will be required. Each candidate will be expected to turn in all the news that he can find, together with any literary matter which he or she may be able to write. An accurate record will be kept of all matter which each candidate turns in. The award will be made on the basis of the comparative quantity and quality of the work done by the several candidates. The person doing the most and the best work will be given the position, irrespective of any other considerations. The assistant editor will be appointed about the last of March.

GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN.

WHILE subscriptions are still being received, and are, of course, welcomed, the main business of the *Cherry Tree* management just now is having the pictures taken. Every student registered in the University is entitled to have his or her photograph in the book. The pictures of members of the lower classes are to be taken individually and mounted in full page groups. The charge to each individual is but 35 cents to cover the cost of making and mounting the halftone.

Pictures of members of the senior classes are to be taken individually. The cuts will be made and placed along the side of the page opposite the biographies. Inasmuch as this is considerably more expensive and takes up more space, the charge has to be made \$1.25 to each senior. These charges are the same as those made last year. Anyone cognizant with conditions here must realize that it is impossible to charge less, and publish a creditable book.

In the case of societies, such as the debating societies, where groups are made up of individual pictures, each member will be charged 35 cents. This is also true of the pictures of the members of the Association of Class Presidents.

Where group pictures are taken and full-page cuts made the charge is \$7.50.

Remember your picture should be in the book. If it isn't in, it will be your fault. See your class editor or any class editor or member of the staff and get a ticket now. February 15th is the last day; all pictures must be taken before then. If you go down to the photographers now you can get your picture taken at once. If you delay and go down later, you will have to make an appointment and go again to have it taken. Get your proofs on time and pass them back at once with the right one marked.

Group pictures will be taken on Sundays, but individual pictures will not be taken then. Fraternities should arrange sittings with Mr. J. G. Lerch, clubs and societies with Mr. R. Hospital.

Pictures are being taken at the studio of Mr. D. B. Edmonston, 1329 F street.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

If not you should do so at once. The business manager of The News has outstanding bills which must be paid. Your subscription money is needed.

THE THURSDAY CHAPEL SERVICES.

THE speaker at the Chapel Service on Thursday, January 5th, was Dr. W. P. Thirkield, President of Howard University. He declared that the man who spends his time studying must add to the symphony of his life so that all things work in harmony with one another. The speaker gave a strong admonition in these words: "Add to your virtue, knowledge; to your knowledge, self-control; to your self-control, add patience; to patience, godliness; to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, add love."

On Thursday, January 12th, the Rev. Dr. Van Schaick, of the Church of Our Father, spoke on "The Splendid Comprehensiveness of the Claim of Humanity, 'Everything is Ours.'" He exhorted all to get out of their narrowness, declaring that in every faith, in every religion, every creed, there is something of good. "There is no one religion," he stated, "there is no one social ill, no one social remedy; they are all ours to use as best we can."

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

ON Saturday, January 14th, the Y. W. C. A. of the University had its regular monthly luncheon. The occasion was rendered particularly pleasant by the presence of Dean and Mrs. Wilbur. Miss Smith, Miss Florence Brown, General Secretary of the Washington Y. W. C. A., and Miss Louise Holmquist, of New York City, Assistant Secretary of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.

After luncheon Miss Brown spoke of the coming National Missionary Jubilee, on February 2d and 3d, urging all to attend the meetings. Miss Holmquist addressed the girls on the "Place of the Y. W. C. A. in Community Life," emphasizing the unifying power and the wonderful opportunities offered by the Young Women's Christian Association to those who are in earnest.

POLITICAL SCIENCE NOTES.

ON the 21st of this month, the class in International Trade, "chaperoned" by Professor Osborne, will travel up to Philadelphia to look over the Commercial Museum in that city.

Leonard Bowen, a member of last year's relay team, was in the city recently, visiting relatives. Mr. Bowen is now employed in the offices of the Southern Railway Company at Princeton, Ind.

Dean Willis, in his usual conservative style, makes the following statement regarding the Payne-Aldrich tariff: "As a matter of

fact, there is somewhat of a difference of opinion as to its advantages."

With a view to emphasizing the fact that it requires two parties to make a treaty, Doctor Scott asked: "How can the fellow be engaged without the consent of the girl?" The class saw fit to allow him to answer the question. Further particulars may be obtained from members of the class.

"The cattle pens at the Chicago stockyards," says Professor Kern, "are about the size of this classroom." And then he hastened to add, "But, of course, you are different kind of animals."

IMPORTANT NOTICES!

THE Columbian Women have planned a theatre benefit for one of the last three Monday evenings in February to raise the money pledged by them to the University for this year, and hope to announce in the next issue of THE NEWS the exact date and the play.

The dance of the upper classes of the Department of Arts and Sciences will be held on the night of February 10th at the Arlington. Students in all departments and their friends are invited to attend.

Owing to the mid-year examinations, and more particularly owing to the fact that even members of the staff are not exempt from the necessity of passing the examinations in courses they are pursuing, the next issue of THE NEWS will not appear until February 10th.

FRATERNITY NOTES.

LAMBDA CHAPTER of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity held its annual New Year's reception at the clubhouse at 1717 S street N. W., on the night of January 2d, from 7.30 to 9.30 p. m. Over one hundred guests were entertained during this time, including guests from Baltimore, Annapolis, Philadelphia, and New York. After the reception members of the Alumni and active chapter remained to dance. The night's festivities were wound up by several Phi Sigma Kappa songs and a "Phi Sig" march, in which all joyously participated. The list of patrons and patronesses included Representative and Mrs. William P. Borland, Representative and Mrs. Charles E. Creager, General and Mrs. M. Crawford, Major and Mrs. D. H. Boughton, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Hughes, Dean and Mrs. Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burt, Mrs. Stonebraker, and Mrs. Burns. The committee in charge, who prepared the best reception in the history of the fraternity, consisted of Mr. George V. Bullough, Chairman, and Messrs. Robert Zacha-

rias, Elmer Stewart, and Cleon Nixon.

On Friday, January 13th, the Phi Delta Phi men were addressed by Dean E. G. Lorenzen, of the Law School, on the subject of "The Roman Law." Dean Lorenzen first set forth in substance, the merits of the Roman law, and then went on to show how it gradually replaced, or in some manner invaded, the established systems of government, of France, Germany, and England. In closing he showed just what part of our present system of law could be traced back to the time of the Romans. After the address several toasts were drunk to retiring members.

On Sunday, January 15th, Kappa Sigma entertained its friends in its new home, 1100 Vermont avenue N. W., at an afternoon tea. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. W. Schmidt, and a number of girls from each of the sororities.

TEACHERS COLLEGE NOTES.

THE faculty of Teachers College was well represented at the annual banquet of the Federal School Men's Club, which was recently held at the Ebbitt House. Dean Hough, Dr. Ruediger, Dr. Small, Prof. Charles Hart, President of the Class of '10, and Prof. C. J. Swartz, '08, were among those who feasted. Dr. Small delivered an address in which he expressed an opinion with regard to the alleged excessive cost of the public schools of Washington. He suggested that if expenses were properly itemized and classified, it would then be possible to determine wherein there is an excessive expenditure, if any.

All eyes are directed expectantly just now to the sessions of Congress. It is hoped that on the next "District Day" there may be some definite action taken in favor of the teachers' retirement bill. Some effective campaigning has been done for the teachers, especially by the Washington papers. The following paragraph, a sample, appeared the other evening in the editorial columns of *The Star*:

Underpaid teachers are supposed not only to maintain themselves decently, to dress neatly, as befits the instructors of the young, and to keep in physical health in order to endure the strain of class work and the hard work at home which the average teacher must do, but they must study, usually at their own expense, to improve themselves, and they must travel, also at their own expense, to widen their horizons and fit themselves for better performances in the classrooms. More is expected of the teacher in proportion to the pay given than from any other class of public service worker.

During the holidays Dr. W. C. Ruediger attended the meetings of the Southern Educational Association at Chattanooga. He presented two papers, one before the Department of Secondary Education, entitled "Getting Concreteness in High School Science," and one before the Religious Education Association entitled "Some Essentials in Moral Education."

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THE old *bon mot*, "nothing succeeds like success," may be well enough, but it certainly fails to give any clue to the manner in which the initial success, which it presupposes, may be attained. In fact, we are not sure that any one has ever been able to give a satisfactory prescription by which the first success can be achieved, unless, indeed, it be contained in that familiar bit of verse about "the heights by great men," etc., and "toiling upward in the night."

The part about "toiling upward in the night" has a peculiarly true ring just now—with only a few days remaining before the mid-year examinations. Alas! that the autocratic authorities on logic will not allow that since the heights by great men were attained by "toiling upward in the night," therefore as a necessary consequence those who toil until the "wee" morning hours will reach those heights. But don't let the cold rules of arctic logic induce you to blow out the "midnight oil" at 9 p. m. You may not reach the heights by studying later, but you will probably pass your examinations.

THE HONOR SYSTEM.

THE approach of the annual mid-year examinations justifies a few remarks about the Honor System, in force in some of the Departments of the University, including a statement of its fundamental purpose, and the means which are provided for the accomplishment of that purpose, in order that those students, who have entered the University this year for the first time, may be accurately informed as to the practical working of the system, and more particularly as to the obligations which they, as students, must assume.

The constitution formulated by the President's Council last year defines the Honor System to be a system for "placing the responsibility for rectitude in examinations and written recitations upon the student body." In other words the practical effect of the system is a delegation by the Faculty to the student body of a duty, which, by tradition at least, has always devolved upon a faculty, as a matter of course. It is, in the words of its advocates, a democratic scheme of self-government by the governed. Under it each student by entering the examination room pledges himself not to give or receive unauthorized aid of any kind.

But there is a further duty which under this system rests upon the individual student, namely, the duty to report to the student committee—the court which tries all cases involving a breach of the rules of the system—the name of any student who, to his personal observation, has been guilty of cheating during an examination. This is, in fact, the very essence of the system. It is so important as to justify the quotation here of the exact words of the constitution:

Wherever this system is in force, it shall be the duty of every student to report to the Chairman of his Committee, for investigation, any case in which he thinks that the principles of the Honor System have been violated.

It will be observed that absolute knowledge that the principles of the system have been infringed is not necessary. A belief, though not a mere belief but reasonable one, is sufficient. This provision does not mean that each student constitutes himself a sort of private detective. The student who should interpret the provision in that manner would find that all his time would be consumed in observing what his fellow students were doing, and would have no time to write his own examination. In other words, the student is not expected to search for trouble. He is merely to report such infractions of the rules of the system, as come under his personal observation while he is writing his own examination.

Such infractions are to be reported to the Student Committee. A word as to the manner in which that committee is constituted. In the Department of Law there is a committee for each class, composed of "the President and Secretary of the class, together with four other members elected by the class." In the College there is only one committee for all classes, composed of "one student from each of the four classes in the full-day course, one student from the two upper classes in the afternoon course, and one student from the lower classes in the afternoon course."

In conclusion, we wish to advert once more to the necessity for a strict compliance with the requirement that each student report any violation of the rules of the system. We do not anticipate that there will be any violation of those rules. The character of the student body is such as to make a breach of honor almost impossible. But the condition upon which the Faculty have delegated to the student body the right of self-government is that each student assume this duty. For this reason alone we have felt it necessary to emphasize its importance.

BOOKS OLD AND NEW

The Socialism of H. G. Wells.

Ah Love! could you and I with Him
conspire
To grasp this sorry Scheme of Things
entire,
Would not we shatter it to bits—and
then
Re-model it nearer to the Heart's
Desire!

EARLY in the nineties several Socialists were tried and executed in Chicago for the crime of murder. They had thrown an explosive bomb into a crowd, killing and wounding a number of people. Afterwards, in his cell, one of them blew the top of his head off with a bomb, which he had managed in some way to smuggle into prison with him. The papers were full of these horrors. The word "Socialist," in black type was a symbol of dread and called up images of everything desperate, disreputable, and violent.

A great change has taken place in popular opinions about Socialism since that time.

Or is it a change in Socialism itself? Perhaps it is both. We no longer shudder at the sound of the word. We do not confound Socialists with Anarchists—those who want more government with those who want none at all—and we are ready to hear argument for the changes which Socialism proposes to introduce. The Socialists on their part have outgrown their fondness for fulminate of mercury and gun cotton. They no longer expect to change things by violence. At least few of them expect to. Several years ago, the story runs, Jack London, one of the few remaining Socialistic apostles of force, signed his name in some one's autograph album, with his usual flourish: "Yours for the revolution, Jack London." Wells, then a visitor in America, when asked for his autograph, wrote on the following page: "There ain't going to be no revolution. H. G. Wells."

There are still a good many varieties of Socialistic belief, and the attractiveness of the Wells' variety lies in its breadth and reasonable-

ness, its freedom from bitterness and dogmatism on the one hand, and its very warm and vital faith on the other. He says, in the first chapter of "New Worlds for Old" that

"To him Socialism presents itself as a very noble but a very human and fallible system of ideas. He does in all sincerity regard its spirit, its intimate substance, as the most hopeful thing in human affairs at the present time, but he does also find it shares with all mundane concerns the qualities of inadequacy and error."

The book from which this is quoted, "New Worlds for Old," seems more likely to appeal to the average American reader than any other book about Socialism yet published. Most of us are staggered by Karl Marx, and either bored, nonplussed, or nauseated by those who profess themselves his pupils. But this little book by Wells is so logical, so luminous, so persuasive that it is quite irresistible to the reader who comes to it with an open mind.

In "New Worlds for Old" and "Mankind in the Making" the author deals for the most part with the desirability and the possibility of a change in the condition of society. In "A Modern Utopia" he tries to show what the world might be like if such a change should have taken place. The book is full of the most suggestive speculations. Perhaps the finest of them is that of a "voluntary nobility" of men and women who form the governing class in this improved world and who are fit to govern others because they have learned, through a course of strenuous self-discipline, how to govern themselves. "A Modern Utopia" is also a very good story, taken merely as a story; perhaps better than some of Wells' novels and romances, properly so called.

Wells writes novels and romances and stories because they are what the public demands and publishers pay for, and because he believes that people ordinarily take new ideas better when they are presented by illustration, in dramatic fashion, than when offered straight. But he has not the true creative power. His mind is analytical rather than constructive. His

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ALUMNI NOTES.

SYNGMAN RHEE, A. B., '07, recently returned to Korea, after spending five years in this country in preparation for the mission work to which he expects to devote the rest of his life. Mr. Rhee came to Washington some five years ago to complete his education. After securing the A. B. degree from our University he entered Harvard, where he was awarded the degree of M. A. in 1909. Last year he was made a Doctor of Philosophy by Princeton University. Dr. Rhee visited Washington this fall prior to his return to Korea. He decided that he could best serve his fellow-countrymen through the agency of the Y. M. C. A., and is accordingly now filling the position of Korean head of the extensive industrial and high school work carried on in the capital city, Seoul. Dr. Rhee's history is full of adventure. Twelve years ago he belonged to the progressive or independent party in Korea. He was arrested with several others as a political prisoner and confined for seven years in a wretched Korean prison. For the first seven months he was put in stocks. Others were being led out to execution. He did not know at what moment he might suffer the same fate. He felt a desire to know something more of Christianity. Though a strong Confucianist, he had learned a little of the new religion in one of the mission schools of Korea. Finally, he managed to have a Bible smuggled into the prison. By having some one turn over the leaves for him he was able to study it while still in stocks. As a result a large group of young Koreans, though none of them were at the time avowed Christians, became insistent students of the Bible with him. Before they were released about forty of them had become acknowledged Christians. It was to prepare himself for Christian missionary work that Dr. Rhee came to this country. Dr. Rhee has a host of friends on the Faculty, in the student body, and among the Alumni who one and all wish him every success in the work which he is now taking up after so many years of painstaking preparation.

Millard C. Marsh, M. S., '05, is a biologist in the United States Bureau of Fisheries. For ten years, 1897-1907, he was the Alaska salmon agent of the Bureau. He is a member of the leading biological societies, both local and national. He has written extensively on ichthyology, bacteriology, diseases of fishes, and salmon fisheries.

Frank H. Knowlton, Ph. D., '96, is a botanist and paleontologist of national reputation. He was Professor of Botany in our University from 1887 to 1896. In 1897 he founded *The Plant World* and for the seven succeeding years he was the editor of that publication. He was an assistant on the staff of the Century Dictionary, writing defini-

tions in the field of botany. He had entire charge of botany for the Standard Dictionary, for which he prepared about 25,000 definitions. He also assisted in preparing botanical definitions for the 1900 edition of Webster's Dictionary, and prepared the botanical matter for the Jewish Encyclopædia. He is the author of the following scientific works: Fossil, Wood, and Lignite of the Potomac Formation; Fossil Flora of Alaska; Catalogue of the Cretaceous and Tertiary Plants of North America; Flora of the Montana Formation; Fossil Flora of the John Day Basin. Address: U. S. National Museum, Washington.

Theodore N. Gill, M. D., '65; Ph.D., '66, was on the Faculty of the University for a number of years, as Adjunct Professor of Physics and Natural History, 1860-61; Lecturer on Natural History, 1864-66 and 1873-84, and later as Professor of Zoology and head of the Department of Zoology. He was assistant librarian of the Library of Congress from 1866-75. At present he is an associate in zoology in the U. S. National Museum. He is a member of a number of the leading scientific societies, both of this city and elsewhere. The following are a few of his many scientific works: Synopsis of Fresh Water Fishes; Arrangement of the Families of Mammals; Scientific and Popular Views of Nature Contrasted; Parental Care among Fresh Water Fishes. He wrote most of the volume on fishes and much of that on mammals in the Standard (or Riverside) Natural History. He was associate editor of Johnson's New Universal Encyclopædia, Century Dictionary, and Standard Dictionary. Address: Smithsonian Institution, Washington.

Marcus W. Lyon, M. S., '00; M. D., '02, is a zoologist in the U. S. National Museum. He was Assistant Professor of Physiology in Howard University for a number of years, and is at present Professor of Bacteriology at that institution. He was the chief special agent for the Smithsonian Institution at the Louisiana Purchase and Portland Expositions. He has written a good deal on systematic zoology and on mammals.

George N. Coffey, M. S., '07, is a geologist in the Bureau of Soils. He has made an exhaustive study of the classification and correlation of the soils of the United States, and has constructed soil maps and written reports upon numerous areas in several of the States. He was president of the American Society of Agronomy in 1909, and is at present chairman of a committee of fifteen members of that society, whose purpose is to secure a more uniform system of soil classification and nomenclature for soils of the United States and Canada.

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CLOSING PARAGRAPH OF REPORT.

The report closes with the statement that the income of the University is still almost entirely derived from the tuition of students, and that there is a consequent necessity for securing subscriptions and endowments to meet the small yearly deficit which will remain notwithstanding the lessening of expenses. The last paragraph contains the following appeal:

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BOOKS OLD AND NEW.

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characters are not conceived as single, solid, organic, living creatures, but are put together bit by bit like mechanical toys. Here and there the particles of glue and sawdust are visible. It is not only that they are creatures of circumstance, but we see Wells himself selecting and combining the circumstances which urge them on. And then he

is not impartial enough to be a great novelist. He has his point to make, his lesson to teach and one feels that he is more interested in that than in the puppets through whose speech and action he illustrates it. As he has himself said, he is more interested in the consequences of things than in the things themselves.

LUPUS.

ECHOES FROM EDEN.

WHEN Eve was lady in the land,
She never had much fun.
To flirt with every man at hand,
Meant flirt with only one.

Poor Eve! how sad she must have been

When spring time did appear!
There were no Easter bonnets then;
She had no new spring gear.

Poor Eve! no D. A. R. had she,
No club or lecture hall;
She never suffragette could be.
How could she live at all?

When Eve the household did provide

With pies and home-made cakes,
No honors had she to divide
With things that mother makes.

While Eve was sitting all alone,
Her lord could never plan
To stay downtown and telephone
"Detained to see a man."

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Letters of a College Professor to His Niece.

VI.

MY DEAR GEORGIANA:

Since I returned from my holiday at home I have not written to you for a variety of reasons. Work and weariness will account for two of them but the third you will probably fail to guess—I am, in fact, deeply displeased with you. When I brought young Wharton home with me, it was for the purpose of offering him comfort and entertainment, and I quite failed to foresee that you would attempt to add him to your train of admirers. I must confess that I was completely taken in at first, and was much pleased at your efforts to amuse my young friend. In fact, I was rather touched by such evidence of consideration for your old uncle's wishes. But when I found that I never could get him to go for a tramp because of some engagement with you, and that even when we did have time for a little chat together, he listened to my most erudite remarks with a roving eye, then, I say, I began to have my doubts of your entire disinterestedness.

I am grieved to think of your trifling with young Stanley, and I must state again that he is my friend and as such should not be molested by you. Only last night I was reading him a particularly happy chapter of my "Degeneration," and pausing for his usual enthusiastic approval, I found his face vague and his eyes fixed, through a cloud of smoke, on that photograph of you. It upset me completely. How am I to do any valuable work if my mind is to be distracted continually by the contemplation of this dextrous young man, who has taken the place of my former most intelligent friend and listener. I must protest most vigorously against your having anything more to do with him—you will ruin my work. I might think that I was speaking too severely, if it were not for that last night before we left, when you came in at such a late hour from your sleigh ride. In truth, after the first week, your manner towards Mr. Wharton was such as to make him doubt your former cordiality, were it not for your occasional lapse into amiability. Your conduct puzzled me as much as it did him, for he certainly behaved in the most exemplary manner, except that he devoted himself to you more than the occasion seemed to demand. However, we have not discussed you at all since we returned, so your mind may be at rest on that point. Your picture, by the way, is now reposing in the drawer of my desk.

I trust that you will understand, my dear, that I am not really angered at you, but chiefly alarmed at the prospect of losing my greatest solace for my absence from home. Mr. Wharton asked me to remember him to you the next time that I wrote, but I shall do nothing of the

sort. Write me sooner, and assure me that you have quite forgotten my illadvised young friend.

Your affectionate uncle,

GEORGE RANKIN.

"Who gave the bride away?"

"Her little brother. He stood up right in the middle of the ceremony and yelled, 'Hurrah, Fanny, you've gotten him at last!'"

She—"Oh, Dick, you've broken your promise!"

He—"Never mind, dearie; I'll make you another!"

George—Yes, dear; anything you say goes.

Marguerite (bored to death)—George!

Cooper drew his revolver and fired two shots. One of the bullets took effect in the forehead of the assailant and he dropt to the cement walk. The other fled.

After the tramp had got over the wall, just in time to escape the bulldog, the woman of the house called after him:

"What are you doing here?"

"Madam," replied the dignified vagrant, "I did intend to request something to eat; but all I ask now is that in the interests of humanity you will feed that canine."

First Cannibal—How did that actor taste?

Second Cannibal—He was good in certain parts.

Many summer sweethearts—

Promises to wed,

Quickly made and broken,

Keep the lawyer fed.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

AT a recent meeting of the Student Y. M. C. A., a new constitution was adopted. Several important changes were made which should be kept in mind by the members.

On the administrative side, the new constitution provided for the formation of a Cabinet and of an Advisory Council. The former body is to consist of the officers and chairman of all standing committees and is to have general management of the policy of the Association. The Advisory Council, consisting of seven members, is to have general supervision over the work of the Cabinet, and is to be subject to the call of the President. The seven members are to be chosen as follows: three from the faculty of the institution, two from the Central Association, and three from the student members.

The date of the elections was also changed. Instead of occurring at the end of the college year, as heretofore, the election of officers will be held one week after the close of the winter term. The inauguration will occur on Washington's birthday, with term of office for one year.

TYPHOID CLAIMS ALSTON

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His athletic ability was not confined to football. He was also an excellent baseball player, and played creditably on the Post Office team last summer.

Mr. Alston was a man of clean character and sterling integrity, as those who knew him best will heartily testify. His popularity was universal, and he leaves a host of friends to mourn his untimely death. He was a student in the College of Arts and Sciences when he was in the University, and a member of Alpha Beta Phi fraternity. The funeral was held on December 31, 1910, at his home in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

A MID WINTER-NIGHT'S DREAM.

ACT I.

SCENE—AWFUL DUNGEON.

Ology. (Lord High Executioner, seated)—Is all our company here?

Ism. (Lord High Adviser)—You were best to call them generally, man by man, according to weekly attendance report.

Mathio. (Lord High Bugaboo)—Here is the report, good lord! Mark how the attendance angles, writhe and twist, they are never constant.

Histo. First, good Ism, may we hear the questions that we may the more tease and torment these miser-a-b-l-e, lament a-b-l-e atoms with our own seeming knowledge.

Ism. I sadly fear the number is too great. We must strive to concentrate our small mentality on the task at hand. Chemio, will you kindly exert yourself enough to manipulate your magical wand, thus causing this semester trial dungeon to become a place of horror and torture?

Chemio. (Looking wise and slowing raising the test tube). Oh ye molecules and corpuscles, do ye permeate this atmosphere, and remembering last June, do likewise only a little more so.

(Wonderful changes wrought, decks of human bones rise from the earth; lights of red drop from above—drop lights; instruments of torture bulge from the walls.)

Ology. Do thou Litero, distribute these trial blanks.

Litero. Hey there, Epithet, come hither, little one.

Epithet. Yes, Augustus, I am coming.

(Here Epithet, Otic and Itis distribute all the examination papers and then kneel at the feet of Ology, signifying that the feat is accomplished.)

Vaporo. (Awakening from a nap in the corner and disseminating into the center of the assemblage)—“How now, spirits, whither wander ye?”

Chorus of Molecules and Corpuscles:

Over hill and dale,
Through books and papers,
Destroying knowledge
And cutting (up) capers.
Swifter than the light,
Deeper than the night;
Your bidding, now, we wait.
We wait.

Ology. Well come now, ye sprightly little demons. We must but summon Flunkeron, our majestic king and judge, and the semi-annual fun begins.

Vaporo. Come, now, partners of my merit, we will to summon Flunkeron, and then the revel will begin.

(Exit Vaporo, molecules and corpuscles.)

ACT II.

Flunkeron. Ha, Ha, He, He, you creepy spirits, fly to all high-ways, and by-ways, seize the wicked little atoms and bring them to my gruesome presence for trial. Ha, Ha!

(Exit chorus and Vaporo.)

Ology. Litero, come hither.

Litero. Why are they tarrying?

(Enter Vaporo with one atom called “Me,” followed by swaying chorus, singing a funeral march.)

Vaporo. Oh, your honor, this miser-a-b-l-e specimen was all we could find.

Flunkeron. Give me that student, he is not worth the trial, we will merely end his existence in the roaring fire.

Shrieks!

ACT III.

“Me” awakes from his snug little trundle bed, with a headache, and trots off to a chemistry examination at G. W. U.

BECKY.

LAW SCHOOL NOTES.

NOTICE has been posted that the examination in the Introductory Course will be held at the end of the year, instead of at end of first semester, as required by faculty rules. The reason given is that the students have had considerable difficulty in doing the required amount of collateral reading in the course.

The plans for the Indoor Meet are being put into final shape, and everything points to the most successful meet that George Washington has ever held. The manager of the track team is calling for men to represent the University. It is hoped that all men in the Law School who can run, jump, or in any other manner participate in indoor athletic events, will go out and try for the team.

The officers of the Senior Class are making plans to hold a smoker immediately after the examinations. It is to be hoped that the affair will be as successful and enjoyable as the one last year.

The dates for the examinations have been posted on the bulletin board. The first examination is on the 23rd. Classes will be suspended on Saturday, January 21st. The last examination is on January 31st.

A new departure has been made by providing examinations in the one-hour a week courses from 4.50 to 6.50 o'clock, instead of in the evening as heretofore.

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CHEMICAL SOCIETY MEETING.

AT a meeting of the Chemical Society, on January 13th, final arrangements for the first annual banquet, to be held at the New Ebbitt on February 21st, were completed. The committee in charge of the arrangements plans to make the affairs a brilliant success, and one of the bright features of the scholastic year. Several members of the Faculty will be present. The program which is being carefully arranged will include toasts, speeches, musical and dramatic entertainment, several "surprises," which the committee has mysteriously concocted, and last but not least an ample gastronomic treat. The members of the society are co-operating with the entertainment committee, and all indications point to a caloriferous time at the New Ebbitt on the eve of immortal George's birthday.

The arrangements for the address to be delivered before the society by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, on the evening of February 10th, are progressing famously. The public is cordially invited to attend. The students of the University should make it a point to be present at this lecture, not only out of respect to the eminence of the speaker and his connection with the University, but also on account of his reputation as a speaker who has never been known to deliver a dry address during his entire career.

Remember the time and the place! February 10, 1911, 8 p. m., Lecture Hall, Medical Building, 1325 H street N. W.

At the meeting of the society on January 13th, Mr. Maupin present-

ed a series of abstracts from recent chemical literature, which showed some of the late advances in modern chemistry and chemical methods. His work was heartily appreciated by those present; a lively discussion followed.

VETERINARY NOTES.

THE Veterinary Medical Association met Saturday evening, January 14th, for the first time since the holidays. After the business discussion the following papers were presented: S. Frye—The Tuberculin Test; C. S. More—Some of our Canine Friends; W. B. Earl—The History of Veterinary Science; J. P. Devine—Live Stock Hints; C. L. Holt—Descriptions of Animals of the Philippine Islands and Vicinity.

The class of 1912 held its monthly meeting on January 14th. When the smoke cleared away, nobody was found to be seriously injured.

We take pleasure in announcing that J. E. Morcock, formerly president of the class of 1912, has left behind him the life of single blessedness, and entered upon that of double "cussedness," having taken unto himself a wife on the seventh day of January, 1911.

J. N. Hornbaker, '11, editor for the Senior Class, is very active in the interest of the veterinary section in the *Cherry Tree*. We would urge all our students to help him as much as possible in his effort to make our representation a credit to the department. Get your picture in promptly, and turn in as many literary and artistic productions as possible.

AT THE COLUMBIA

"THE TRAVELING SALESMAN."

"The Traveling Salesman," that famed comedy of the life of a "knight of the grip," by James Forbes, who has supplied the American stage with two other laughing successes, "The Chorus Lady" and "The Commuters," is the attraction at the Columbia this week. The company is headed by Frank J. McIntyre, whose impersonation of Bob Blake, the drummer, brought him to fame and Miss Gertrude Coghlan, daughter of the late Charles Coghlan and niece of Miss Rose Coghlan, both distinguished stage folk.

CHAUNCEY OLCOTT.

Chauncey Olcott, in a new Irish play, will be seen at the Columbia next week. This time it is "Barry of Ballymore," which Mr. Olcott will present. Mrs. Rita Johnson Young, who collaborated with Rita Olcott in "Ragged Robin," is responsible for the new piece, and, judging from the reports which have heralded its coming here, she will not have any occasion to be sorry for it. Of course, we shall have a number of tuneful, catching songs, and the usual excellent staging which Mr. Pitou gives all of the Olcott plays.

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